

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-448-C - ORDER NO. 2002-847

DECEMBER 11, 2002

IN RE: Application of PDS, Inc. for a Certificate of) ORDER CANCELLING
Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate) CERTIFICATE
as a Reseller of Interexchange)
Telecommunications Services within the State)
of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the renewed request of PDS, Inc. ("PDS" or the "Company") to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold interexchange telecommunications in the State of South Carolina. PDS was granted authority to provide interexchange services in South Carolina as a non-facilities-based interexchange telecommunications services and granted alternative regulation of its business service offerings by Order No. 2000-0421, dated May 11, 2000.

PDS filed a previous request for cancellation of its Certificate with the Commission on August 5, 2002. By Order No. 2002-589, dated August 16, 2002, the Commission denied PDS's request for cancellation since the Company had an outstanding obligation to the intrastate Universal Service Fund.

By letter dated October 28, 2002, PDS advised the Commission that the Company was requesting reconsideration of cancellation of its Certificate to operate as a reseller of intrastate interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. According to PDS, the Company discontinued operations as of December 31, 2001. PDS

states that the Company lost money during the time it was providing telecommunications services and was forced to close its office. By its renewed request, PDS asserts that all of the Company's files are in storage and there are no funds to pay fees and no employees to fill out forms or reports. PDS adds that the Company has not done business in the State of South Carolina in the year 2002 nor does it intend to do business in the State again. Finally, PDS claims that since the Company did not operate in South Carolina in the year 2002 and not having any funds, PDS can not make payments that are owed.

After receipt of PDS's renewed request, the Commission Staff revisited this matter by investigating further into PDS's financial records to make a final determination as to whether PDS has the ability to satisfy the Company's obligations. According to the Commission Staff, PDS's only outstanding obligation is in the amount of \$250.43 owed to the intrastate Universal Service Fund.

As PDS, by its own acknowledgment, is not providing the services for which its Certificate was granted and does not have any assets, and since the Commission has no recourse to recoup from the Company the funds owed to the intrastate Universal Service Fund, the Commission finds and concludes that PDS's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate resold interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina should be cancelled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services authorized by Order No. 2000-0421, dated May 11, 2000, issued in the instant docket to PDS, Inc. is hereby cancelled.

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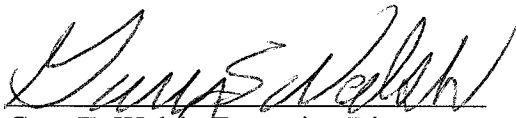
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2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:


Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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